

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Examiner's October 23, 2003 Official Action and respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following comments.

Claims 1-10 remain in the application for consideration. Claim 11 has been withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

As the Examiner will note, amended claim 1 now positively recites the latch structure and its orientation on the vehicle door so as to engage the front side portion of the first leg part.

Applicant respectfully submits that this structure feature is not shown or taught by the Makamura and Mark combination cited by the Examiner.

Applicant submits that the invention is new and unobvious and not disclosed by the cited art. Accordingly,

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Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's early review and
issuance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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